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The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following developments in world agriculture and trade.

U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE

Trade data released by the Commerce Department on June 15 placed U.S. agricultural exports for April at \$3.05 billion--the third month in a row that exports have topped \$3 billion. Volume exports also made a strong showing, with shipments of 14 million metric tons (MMT) for the month.

U.S. agricultural exports to date for fiscal year 1988 (October-April) totaled \$20.9 billion and 91.3 MMT, compared to \$16.8 billion and 74.9 MMT for the same period a year ago. Growth continues to be broad-based with gains posted in nearly every major commodity group and region of the world.

April's import figure of \$1.75 brings the 1988 cumulative import total to \$12.7 billion, compared to \$12.4 billion for the first seven months of fiscal 1987. April's trade surplus of \$1.3 billion brings the surplus for the year to date to \$8.3 billion, which surpasses 1987's surplus for the entire year by \$1 billion. This is the sixth consecutive month that the agricultural trade surplus has exceeded \$1 billion.

U.S. Agricultural Trade (Billion Dollars)

	-----FISCAL YEAR-----			-----OCT-APR-----		
	1987 Actual	1988 Forecast	Percent Change	1987 Actual	1988 Actual	Percent Change
Exports	27.87	33.5	+20	16.77	20.87	+24
Imports	20.64	21.0	+2	12.37	12.61	+2
Trade balance	7.23	12.5	---	4.40	8.26	---

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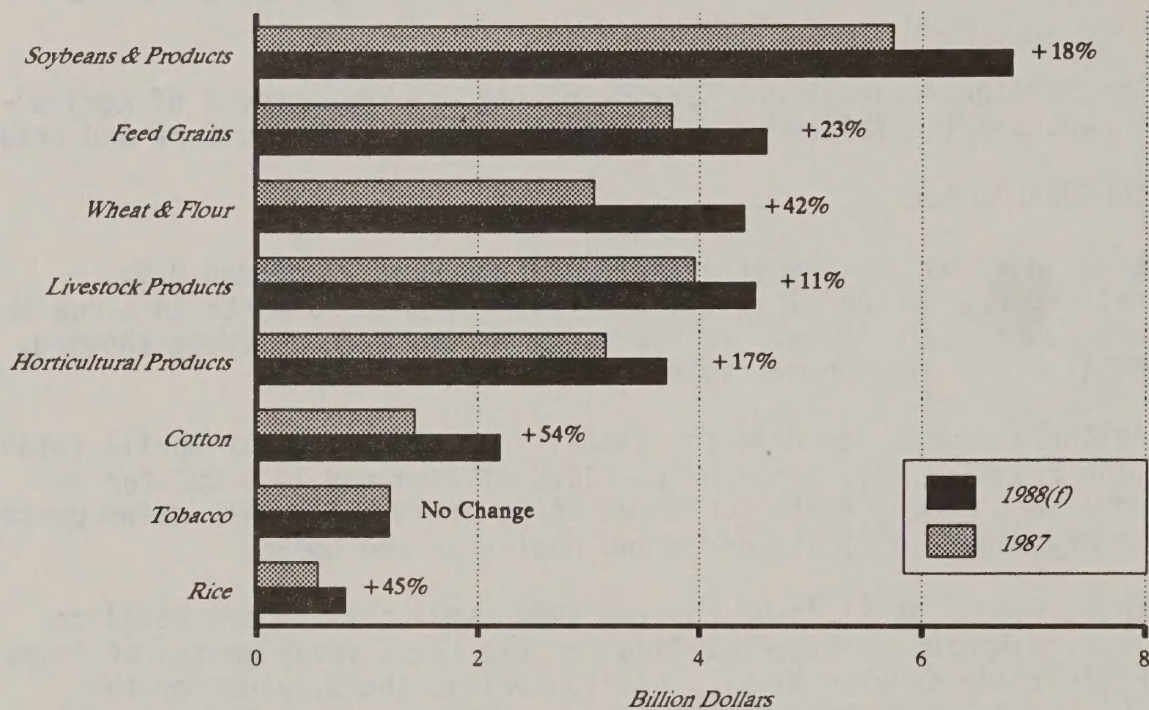
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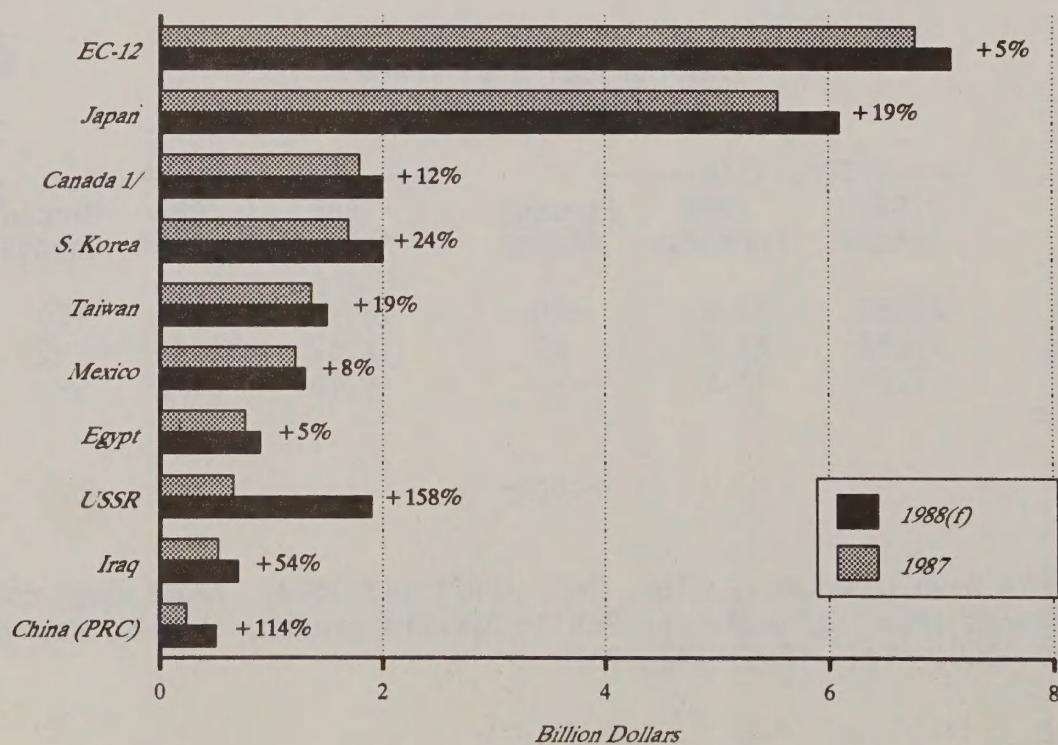
U.S. Agricultural Export Summary

Fiscal Year Comparison

Product Summary



Country Summary



Percentages are computed as the change from FY 1987 to FY 1988.

1/ U.S. agricultural exports to Canada are under-reported by about \$1 billion a year and officially recognized by both governments.

Increase In Export Volume Forecast Concentrated In Grains And Soybeans

A 3 million ton increase in the fiscal 1988 volume forecast places this year's expected export sales at the highest level since 1983. Most of the increase in volume stems from larger grain and soybean exports as U.S. export programs and tighter competitor supplies boost the U.S. share of the world market.

U.S. wheat exports are now estimated at 39 MMT, up 1.5 MMT, or 4 percent, from the previous forecast. The fiscal year forecast for U.S. wheat exports exceeds last year's total by 10.8 MMT, or 38 percent--the largest since 1984.

Most of the upward revision in this year's wheat forecast is attributable to purchases by China and the Soviet Union. India has also been an active

buyer with recent purchases of 1 MMT of U.S. wheat under the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) for delivery this summer and fall.

Prospects for U.S. soybean exports have improved considerably over the past few months. This is reflected in the latest fiscal 1988 export estimate, which was raised to 21.2 MMT from last quarter's estimate of 20.2 MMT. The current estimate approaches last year's sales of 21.3 MMT. The brighter outlook results from reduced crop prospects for Brazil.

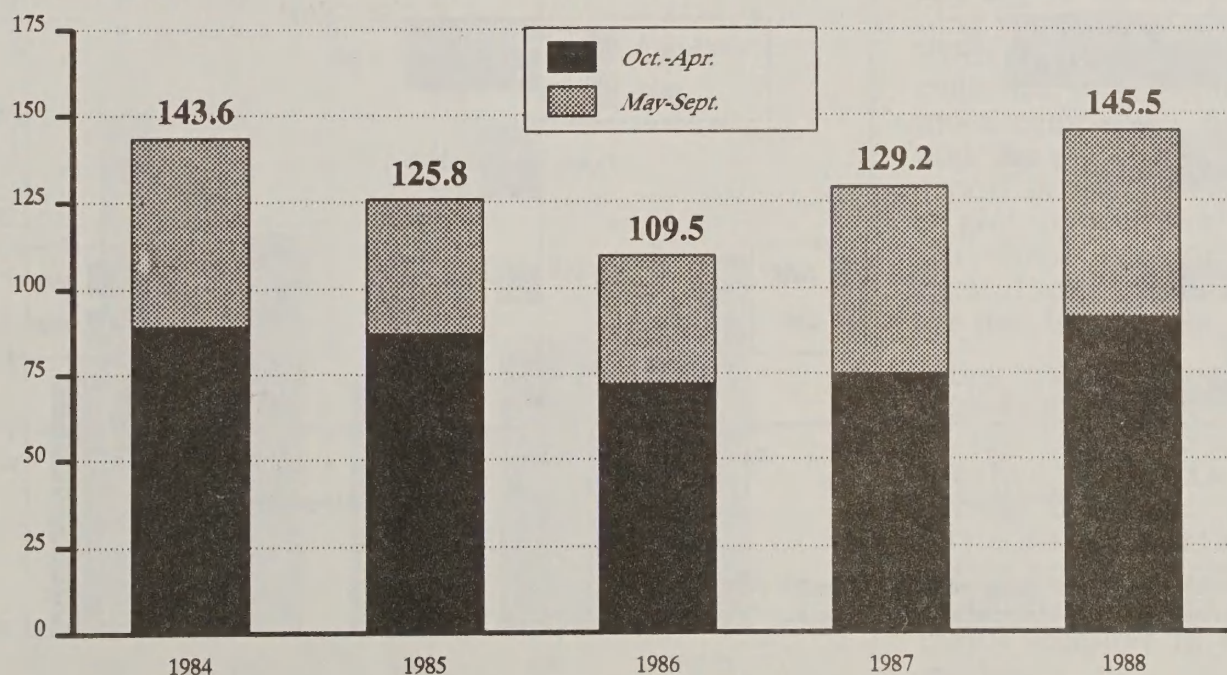
April's export volume figure of 14 MMT put fiscal 1988's year to-date volume total at 91.3 MMT, 22 percent ahead of last year's first seven months. Wheat exports con-

tinue to top the list of gainers this year with volume gains of 11.1 MMT over the first seven months of fiscal year 1987. The only two other commodities that have gained more than a million tons from the previous year's level so far this year are corn, up 2.9 MMT; and soybeans, up 1.2 MMT.

Increased sales to the Soviet Union accounts for about 62 percent of the overall volume gains in U.S. agricultural exports thus far this year. To-date, the Soviets have purchased some 12 MMT valued at over \$1.3 billion. This compares to Soviet purchases of only 1.9 MMT worth \$155 million for the first seven months of last year.

Export Volume Forecast Raised To Highest Level In Five Years

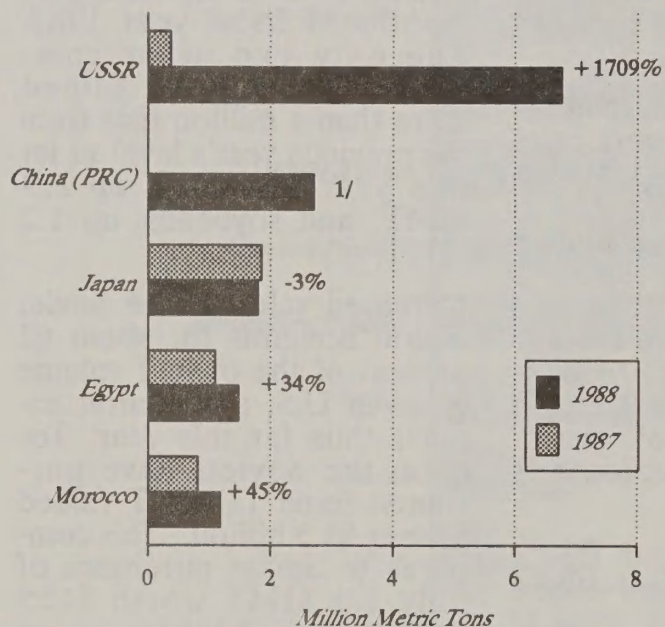
Million Metric Tons



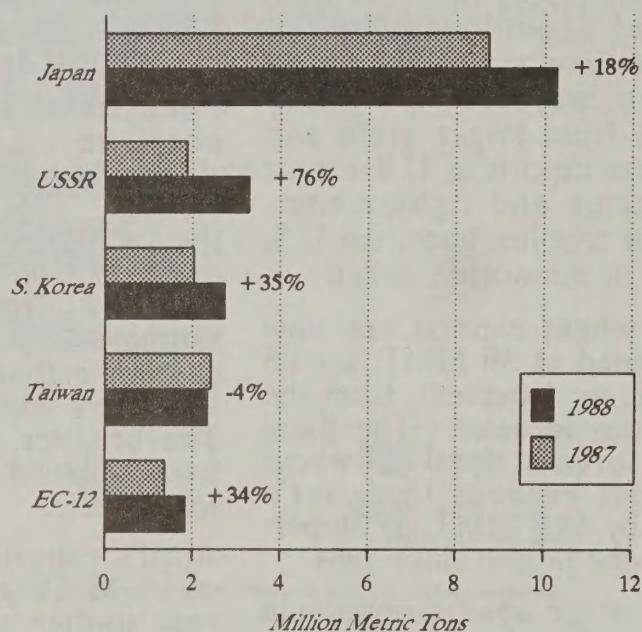
• FY 1988 May-Sept. values are forecast estimates.

Top Five Export Markets For Major U.S. Commodities October-April Comparison

Wheat



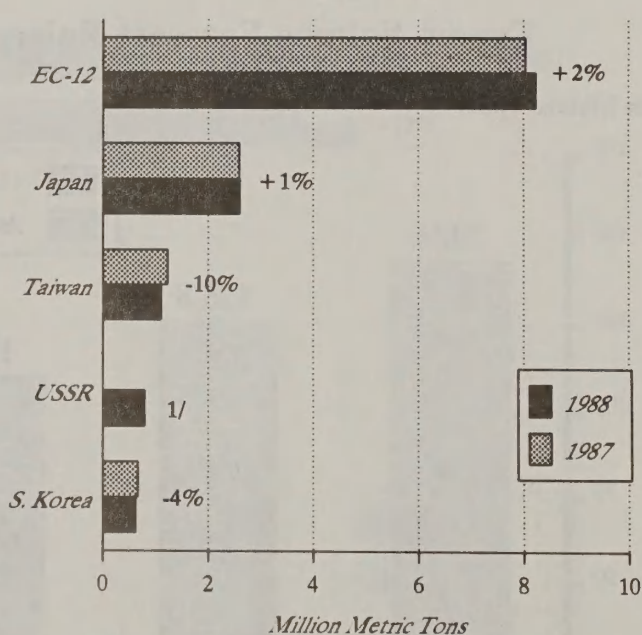
Coarse Grains



Rice



Soybeans



Percentages are computed as the change from FY 1987 to FY 1988.

1/ No exports reported during comparable period last year.

High-Value Exports In Fiscal 1988 Now Expected To Approach 1981 Record

Stronger demand and higher prices in the horticultural and livestock product sectors are primarily responsible for a surge in high-value exports to an estimated \$15.3 billion in fiscal year 1988. This is \$1.6 billion, or 12 percent, above 1987 and is equal to the record set for high-value product sales in 1981. Growth in demand for these products is principally from Canada, the European Community, and middle and high income countries in the Pacific Basin.

Bulk exports are expected to register even larger gains, with sales now forecast to total \$18.2 billion this year, up \$4 billion from the \$14.2 billion exported in fiscal 1987. Wheat, corn, soybeans, and

cotton account for over 80 percent of the anticipated rise in this product sector.

Increased buying activity by the Chinese and Soviets is responsible for much of the gain in bulk exports this year. Larger sales of staple commodities to Eastern Europe, India, and various countries in North Africa and the Middle East are also expected to make significant contributions.

Cumulative to-date trade data for fiscal 1988 support the upward revisions in the export forecast, with significant gains posted in both bulk and high-value exports. Trade data for April placed bulk exports at \$1.8 billion and high-value exports at \$1.5 billion, bringing the year to-date totals to \$9.8 and \$8.0 billion, respectively.

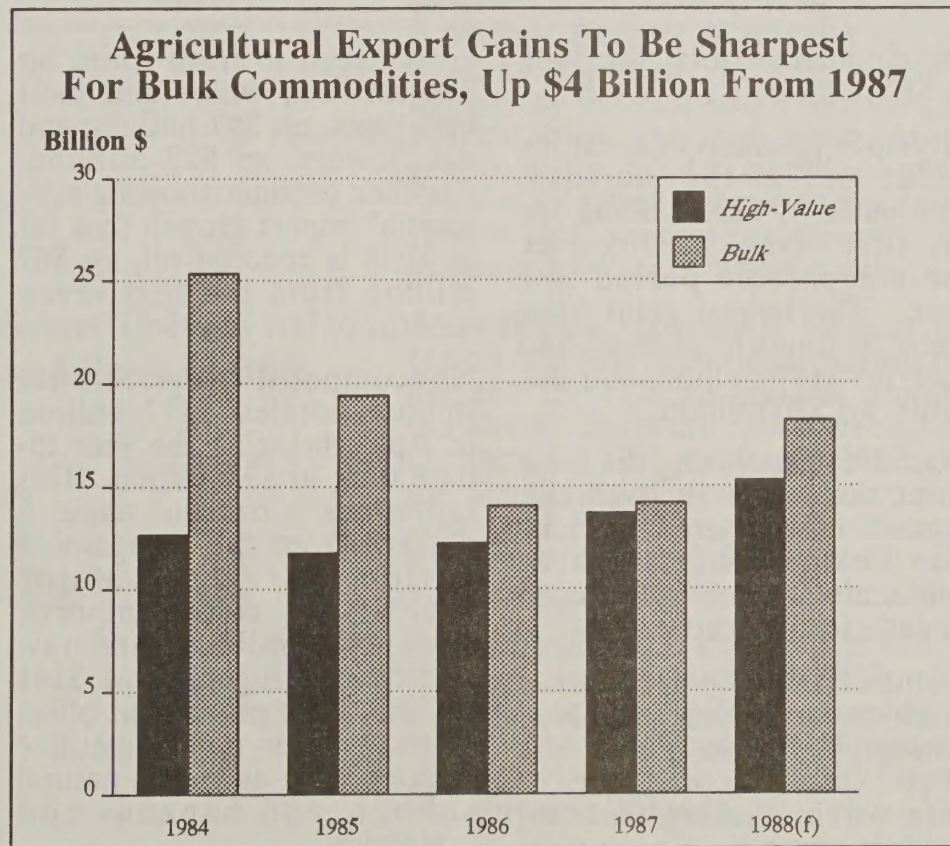
Figures for the comparable period last year place bulk exports at \$7.4 billion and high-value exports at \$7.1 billion.

Within the high-value product sector, foreign demand continues to be brisk for U.S. vegetable oils, red meats, hides and skins, and horticultural products. The year to-date gains in vegetable oil sales alone accounts for over 30 percent of the increase in high-value product sales from 1987 levels.

April's trade figures showed wheat exports again outpacing all other commodities with sales of \$447 million and 4.2 MMT. This places the cumulative total for the first seven months of fiscal 1988 \$1 billion and 11.1 MMT above last year's level. As in earlier months, the Soviet Union and the PRC were the largest buyers.

The value of corn, soybean, and cotton exports is also running well ahead of last year. Poor crops in several countries, in combination with more competitive U.S. prices and the government's use of export programs, has resulted in growing worldwide demand for these and other U.S. agricultural products during the past few months.

More recently, drought conditions in major producing areas of the United States have touched off a new wave of foreign buying, as countries anticipate shortages and higher prices for commodities of which the United States is a major supplier in the world market.



Agricultural Imports Now Estimated To Reach \$21 Billion in Fiscal Year 1988

Agricultural imports are now expected to reach \$21 billion in fiscal year 1988. This figure is about \$350 million, or 2 percent above last year's level and slightly above the previous record of \$20.9 billion set in fiscal 1986.

The forecasted increase is concentrated in competitive imports, which has been rising rapidly over the past few months. Competitive imports are now estimated to total \$14.4 billion, compared to \$13.9 billion in 1987. Noncompetitive imports are forecast to drop to \$6.6 billion from last year's \$6.78 billion due to lower coffee prices.

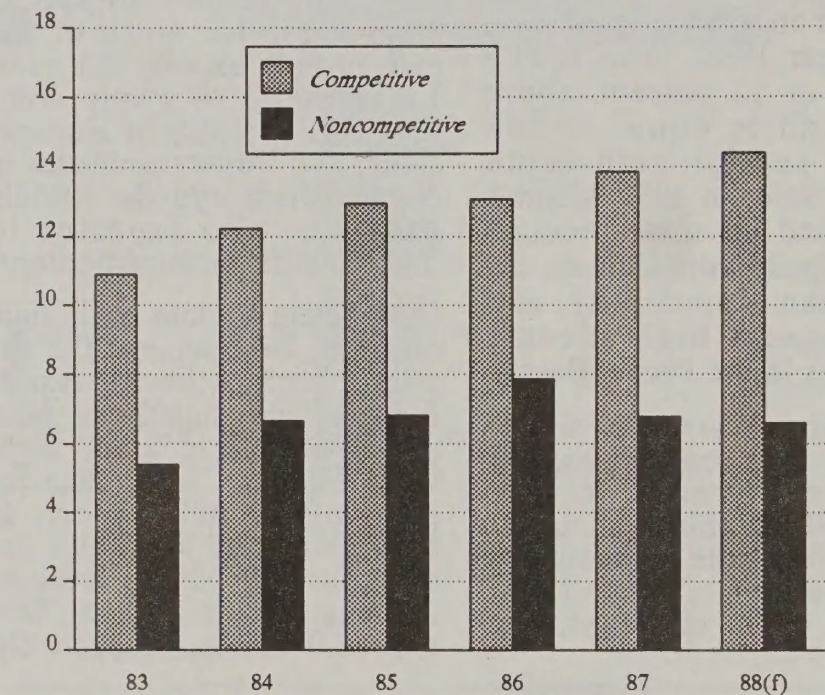
While the overall volume of agricultural imports is expected to remain virtually unchanged from year ago levels, the weaker dollar has pushed up the price the United States has to pay for foreign products and set the stage for an increase in the total value of agricultural imports this year.

Agricultural imports for the year to-date total \$12.6 billion, compared to a cumulative total of 12.4 billion last year. April's import figure of \$1.72 billion is down \$227 million from last month and is \$75 million below last April's import total.

As indicated above, import growth this year has been most pronounced in competitive products. Cumulative trade figures show a \$460 million rise in value for this agricultural import sector from the first seven months of 1987. April's competitive import total of \$1.2 billion brings

Higher Prices For Animal And Horticultural Products Push Competitive Imports To New High

Billion \$



the cumulative total for 1988 to \$8.7 billion.

Livestock products account for about half of the increase, with gains of \$232 million for the first seven months over the comparable period last year. The largest gains have been in imports of beef and veal, up \$147 million, and live cattle, up \$90 million.

Countries benefitting the most from the surge in livestock product imports are Australia, New Zealand, and Canada for beef and veal, and Mexico and Canada for live cattle.

Competitive horticultural products have also registered substantial import growth this year. Gains for the year to-date within the horticultural product group have been most

pronounced in fresh fruits, up \$56 million; wines and malt beverages, up \$47 million; and cut flowers, up \$23 million. Another product showing substantial import growth thus far in 1988 is coconut oil, up \$67 million from the first seven months of last year.

Noncompetitive agricultural imports totaled \$517 million in April, bringing the year to-date total to \$3.9 billion. This represents a drop of about 5 percent from the comparable period last year. Major declines in coffee imports, down \$451 million; and raw and refined sugar, down \$141 million, have more than offset gains in other noncompetitive imports such as cocoa, natural rubber, and bananas and plantains.

Regional Market Outlook For U.S. Agricultural Trade In 1988

Canada

Increased Canadian demand for U.S. farm products should push exports up to around \$2 billion in 1988. This estimate does not include unreported agricultural exports to Canada, which has been running at approximately \$1 billion annually in recent years. The continuing resurgence of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar and strong economic growth in Canada are largely responsible for the increased purchases of U.S. products. For the year to-date, the largest gains have been in fresh fruits and vegetables, red meats, cotton, and rice.

Latin America

A modest increase of \$250 million is forecast for U.S. agricultural exports to Latin America this year. Mexico's import demand will be held in check by slow economic growth. A serious drought in northwestern Mexico will raise the demand for winter crops, especially food quality wheat. The United States is expected to supply the bulk of this wheat through GSM guarantees and the EEP.

Elsewhere in Latin America, Brazil's debt service and budgetary constraints will continue to affect U.S. trade prospects in 1988. Declining government revenues and the need to rebuild international reserves are expected to drive Brazil's agricultural imports from the United States below 1987 levels. The main U.S. exports are wheat, coarse grains, and nonfat dry milk. Venezuela has been the outstanding market in the region thus far in 1988 with U.S. sales gains of \$119 million for the first seven months.

Western Europe

The European Community (EC-12) accounts for most of this year's expected increase in U.S. agricultural exports to Western Europe. A 6 percent increase is forecast for agricultural exports to the EC-12, bringing the total value to nearly \$7.2 billion. Cumulative trade figures for the first seven months shows a gain of \$464 million, or 10 percent from year ago levels. Moderate income and employment growth in the EC-12 combined with the weakness of the U.S. dollar relative to European currencies has provided the base for the strong growth that is occurring this year in U.S. exports of cotton, animal products, and horticultural products.

Soviet Union And Eastern Bloc

A significant recovery is forecast for U.S. agricultural sales to this region in 1988. The major reason is the drastic turnaround in Soviet demand for U.S. agricultural products. U.S. agricultural exports to the Soviet Union are now expected to total \$1.7 billion this year, after declining by \$445 million in 1987. So far this year, increased sales to the Soviets have accounted for over three-fifths of the total year-to-year gain in U.S. agricultural exports. Buying activity has been strongest in wheat, followed by corn, soybean meal, soybeans, almonds, infant dietary supplement, and bull semen.

A small increase is expected in U.S. agricultural exports to the rest of Eastern Europe in fiscal 1988. U.S. grain sales to the southern countries in this region are improving due to production shortfalls in 1987. The EEP has helped boost sales of U.S. wheat to Poland, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and East Germany, as well as barley exports to Hungary and Bulgaria.

Regional Market Outlook

For U.S. Agricultural Trade In 1988 -- Continued

Pacific Rim

About 95 percent of the estimated \$13.1 billion in U.S. exports to Asia this year will likely go to the 10 countries making up the Pacific Rim (the PRC, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, the Phillipines, Singapore, and Thailand). So far this year, this group of nations has accounted for 86 percent of the \$1.9 billion year-to-year agricultural product sales gains to Asia.

The leading growth market in the Pacific Rim this year is Japan, with Japanese imports of U.S. agricultural products now expected to top fiscal 1987's \$5.6 billion by \$1 billion. Trade figures for the first seven months place U.S. exports \$828 million and 1.8 MMT above the comparable period last year. Big gains have been posted in corn, cotton, soybeans, red meats, and fresh and processed fruits and vegetables.

China's imports of U.S. agricultural products are forecast to double, approaching \$500 million in fiscal 1988. Wheat imports are expected to account for most of the increase in U.S. agricultural trade in fiscal 1988. In fact, 75 percent of the \$292 million in U.S. sales to China for the year to-date has been in wheat. Other products showing significant growth this year are baby chicks, cattle hides, and planting seeds.

South Asia

Market standouts in South Asia in 1988 are Pakistan and India. Wheat and soybean oil sales under U.S. government programs are expected to boost exports to Pakistan to nearly \$400 million in fiscal 1988, compared to \$98 million the previous year. India has also been a key participant in U.S. export programs this year with recent purchases of 1 MMT of wheat under the EEP for delivery this summer and fall. For the year to-date, U.S. exports to Pakistan of \$126 million are more than quadruple last year's level while exports to India of \$121 million are more than double year ago levels.

North Africa And Middle East

An increase of over \$300 million is forecast for U.S. agricultural exports to North Africa in 1988. The improvement in U.S. sales to this region stems from stepped-up buying activity by Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia. U.S. sales to Egypt are expected to be sluggish, as the country's debt service problems will place serious constraints on the availability of foreign exchange to pay for imports.

Current estimates place U.S. agricultural sales to the Middle East at \$2.1 billion, compared to \$1.66 billion last year. Thus far this year, exports have been running about 10 percent above 1987 levels. Growth within the region is mixed. Strong growth has been posted in several countries (Iraq, Israel, Bahrain, Oman), but declines have been registered in others (e.g., Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria).

Oceania

Oceania is the only region in the world in which U.S. agricultural exports are forecast to decline in 1988. A \$30 million drop is expected from last year's \$230 million in U.S. sales to the region. Cumulative trade figures place agricultural exports to Australia, which is the dominant country within the region, at about the same level as last year. However, U.S. sales to New Zealand are running 11 percent below last year's first seven months.

U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS
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GRAINS AND FEEDS																						
WHEAT & WHEAT FLOUR..	MT :	13426,078	24279,145	+81	1,461,386	2,450,639	+68	1914,197	4204,753	+120	204,171	454,534	+123									
WHEAT.....	MT :	12561,442	23717,158	+89	1,351,539	2,377,805	+76	1780,602	4159,333	+134	183,212	446,271	+144									
WHEAT FLOUR.....	MT :	864,636	561,987	-35	109,847	72,834	-34	133,595	45,420	-66	20,959	8,263	-61									
RICE.....	MT :	1341,961	1353,717	+1	311,131	420,128	+35	187,375	164,263	-12	43,679	54,247	+24									
COARSE GRAINS.....	MT :	27710,447	30926,747	+12	2,114,271	2,664,884	+26	5345,282	5185,873	-3	396,990	476,251	+28									
CORN.....	MT :	22339,998	25275,541	+13	1,693,785	2,203,091	+30	4654,634	4228,439	-9	344,587	395,451	+18									
GRAIN SORGHUM.....	MT :	3223,898	3676,289	+14	243,276	308,514	+27	327,422	765,596	+134	26,184	67,845	+159									
BARLEY.....	MT :	2132,052	1969,934	-8	175,360	152,721	-13	361,422	191,525	-47	25,936	12,923	-50									
OATS.....	MT :	7,246	3,911	-46	1,165	452	-61	1,528	180	-88	256	19	-93									
RYE.....	MT :	7,253	1,072	-85	685	106	-85	276	133	-52	27	13	-50									
FEEDS & FEEDERS 1/...	MT :	5861,874	6630,137	+13	858,369	954,878	+11	782,368	864,317	+10	104,918	133,703	+27									
PULSES.....	MT :	411,183	317,174	-23	207,464	135,522	-35	32,532	26,048	-20	15,518	11,544	-26									
BEANS, DRIED.....	MT :	332,810	233,528	-30	178,037	110,459	-38	22,255	19,027	-15	11,990	9,387	-22									
PEAS, DRIED.....	MT :	58,221	66,033	+13	17,836	17,459	-2	8,588	5,464	-36	2,596	1,508	-42									
LENTILS, ETC., DRI	MT :	20,152	17,613	-13	11,591	7,604	-34	1,689	1,557	-8	932	649	-30									
OTHER.....	XXX:		171,155		197,786	+16					25,484	29,122	+14									
TOTAL.....										XXX:	48,751,543	63,506,920	+30	5,123,775	6,823,838	+3	8,261,754	10495,254	+26	790,760	1159,400	+47
OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS																						
TOTAL OILSEEDS.....	MT :	15174,986	1636,730	+8	3,030,470	3,716,089	+23	1508,395	1835,082	+22	306,515	540,683	+47									
SOYBEANS.....	MT :	14761,795	15964,629	+8	2,831,764	3,527,376	+25	1466,855	1771,561	+21	285,156	422,594	+48									
SUNFLOWER SEED.....	MT :	187,608	207,623	+11	52,416	65,621	+25	18,570	42,223	+127	5,078	13,510	+166									
PEANUTS.....	MT :	155,873	132,824	-15	129,385	104,969	-19	16,253	15,046	-7	13,983	12,578	-10									
OTHER OILSEEDS.....	MT :	69,710	58,654	-16	16,905	18,123	+7	6,717	6,252	-7	2,298	2,001	-13									
SOYBEAN MEAL.....	MT :	4891,987	4325,499	-12	963,297	967,692	---	594,011	670,528	+13	112,434	145,867	+30									
OTHER MEAL.....	MT :	80,938	100,729	+24	12,054	15,319	+27	5,056	12,817	+154	748	2,063	+176									
TOTAL VEG. OILS.....	MT :	416,216	992,72	+139	211,513	489,02	+131	39,481	135,159	+242	22,120	72,910	+230									
SOYBEAN OIL.....	MT :	178,331	474,914	+166	75,104	219,252	+192	12,808	39,778	+211	6,105	21,454	+251									
SUNFLOWER OIL.....	MT :	81,290	236,304	+191	34,613	101,811	+194	6,919	44,545	+544	2,943	19,311	+556									
COTTONSEED OIL.....	MT :	52,546	104,912	+100	26,107	49,379	+89	4,963	22,873	+361	1,974	11,198	+467									
OTHER VEG. OILS...	MT :	104,049	176,592	+70	75,689	118,585	+57	14,791	27,963	+89	11,098	20,947	+89									
OTHER.....	XXX:				64,121	91,682	+43				10,115	12,777	+26									
TOTAL.....										XXX:	20,564,127	21,782,680	+1	4,281,456	5,279,809	+23	2146,943	2653,586	+24	451,931	684,301	+51
SEEDS.....										MT :	193,113	177,785	-8	272,584	296,454	+9	16,493	17,483	+6	21,906	20,912	-5
COTTON & LINTERS																						
RAW COTTON 2/.....	STB:	3849,743	4455,204	+16	853,165	1,494,769	+75	563,846	570,503	+1	133,086	190,059	+43									
LINTERS 2/.....	STB:	68,007	100,863	+48	6,031	7,957	+32	11,451	18,555	+62	1,052	1,587	+51									
SILK.....	STB:	60	750	***	75	253	+239															
TOTAL.....										STB:	3917,810	4556,818	+16	859,271	1,502,980	+75	575,297	589,058	+2	134,139	191,646	+43

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TOBACCO UNMFG.									
BURLEY.....	MT	32,617	192,924	-8	189,269	-2	9,634	9,183	-5
FLUE-CURED.....	MT	101,645	633,142	-2	617,125	-3	5,790	9,151	+58
FIRE-SUN CURED.....	MT	7,124	32,517	-33	21,292	-35	673	648	-4
MARYLAND.....	MT	1,031	6,169	---	5,845	-5	441	181	-59
CIGAR.....	MT	562	14,500	+32	19,607	+35	124	124	---
OTHER LEAF.....	MT	1,798	12,462	-31	10,685	-14	391	177	-55
STEMS.....	MT	28,915	26,914	-7	57,667	+15	2,089	6,438	+208
TOTAL.....	MT	173,693	164,151	-5	941,923	-2	19,142	25,902	+35
POULTRY PRODUCTS									
MEAT.....	MT	169,839	187,399	+10	188,772	+1	24,839	28,176	+13
BROILER.....	MT	8,007	9,829	+70	12,974	+32	904	1,568	+74
TURKEY.....	MT	6,133	6,618	-41	4,607	-30	2,302	234	-90
OTHER POULTRY MEAT.....	MT	17,108	24,341	+161	42,077	+73	3,107	4,288	+38
EGGS.....	DOZ	11,108	23,232	+2	23,163	---	1,389	2,130	+53
EGG PRODUCTS.....	MT		84,284		82,242	-2		14,068	+2
OTHER.....	XXX								
TOTAL.....	XXX		335,704		353,835	+5		50,900	+7
DAIRY PRODUCTS									
NON-FAT DRY MILK.....	MT	182,102	116,568	-29	101,861	-13	22,155	14,647	-34
CHEESE.....	MT	7,165	15,024	+61	22,767	+52	375	1,189	+217
BUTTER.....	MT	5,796	7,726	-34	4,370	-43	647	69	-89
OTHER.....	XXX		117,234		126,954	+8		13,821	+4
TOTAL.....	XXX		256,552		255,952	---		29,585	+8
LIVESTOCK & PRODS.									
MEAT.....	MT	299,289	289,961	-3	834,782	+20	36,484	43,758	+20
BEEF.....	MT	131,120	124,118	-5	522,584	+23	13,780	17,131	+24
PORK.....	MT	17,818	26,375	+48	105,443	+79	2,873	5,023	+75
VARIETY.....	MT	150,351	139,468	-7	206,755	-3	19,831	21,604	+9
TALLOW.....	MT	672,021	724,032	+8	268,940	+24	101,668	106,861	+5
LARD.....	MT	28,990	30,758	+6	14,847	+5	4,046	5,191	+28
LIVE CATTLE.....	NO	69,908	74,455	+7	61,976	+11	6,954	7,345	+6
CATTLE HIDES.....	XXX				847,665	+19		115,166	+6
FURSKINS.....	NO	12384,466	9814,424	-21	237,822	-24	2141,152	1255,362	-41
OTHER.....	XXX				507,877	+25		40,218	-41
TOTAL.....	XXX		2,336,767		2,716,783	+16		47,495	+27
								341,857	+14

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OCTOBER 1986 - APRIL 1988

COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE				CURRENT MONTH (APRIL)			
		QUANTITY	VALUE	%	DIF	QUANTITY	VALUE	%	DIF
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HORTICULTURAL PROD.									
TREE NUTS.....	MT	111,493	370,144	+53		5,674	11,146	+96	
FRUIT.....			777,612						
FRESH, CITRUS.....	MT	590,245	309,732	+5		110,794	124,978	+13	
FRESH, NON-CITRUS..	MT	262,391	375,115	+43		19,579	33,889	+73	
CANNED.....	MT	38,778	39,837	+22		6,863	5,712	-17	
DRIED.....	MT	84,201	127,306	+18		10,452	15,170	+45	
JUICES.....	GAL	62,825	99,805	+11		11,974	15,888	+33	
VEGETABLES, FRESH....	MT	318,607	153,759	+27		56,938	57,340	+1	
VEG., PREP., PRES....	MT	227,078	197,716	+22		35,898	41,060	+14	
OTHER.....	XXX		322,950						
TOTAL.....	XXX		1,822,182		+19		254,733		+20
SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.									
SUGAR & SWEETENERS..	XXX								
COFFEE.....	MT	8,233	54,389	-8		1,678	888	-47	
FLAVORING SYRUPS....	XXX		126,545						
OTHER.....	XXX		237,130		+15				
TOTAL.....	XXX		537,248		+2		78,114		---
GRAND TOTAL.....	XXX		16,767,462		+24		2270,082		+35

NOTE: VALUE UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. GALLON UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS. DOZEN UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS.
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--- INDICATES CHANGE LESS THAN 1 PERCENT. *** INDICATES CHANGE GREATER THAN 999 PERCENT.

1/ INCLUDES BY-PRODUCTS.

2/ STATISTICAL BALE = 480 LBS.

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TRADE AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION DIVISION
TRADE AND MARKETING BRANCH, IAS, FAS, USDA

		CUMULATIVE TO DATE				CURRENT MONTH (APRIL)							
COMMODITIES	UNIT:	QUANTITY	:	VALUE	:	QUANTITY	:	VALUE					
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GRAINS AND FEEDS													
WHEAT & PRODUCTS....	MT	462,518	356,247	-23	290,484	283,161	-3	74,487	49,409	-34	40,646	33,367	-18
BARLEY & MALT.....	MT	115,216	203,097	+76	13,074	19,135	+46	12,266	22,622	+84	1,379	2,018	+46
OTH COARSE GRAINS 1/...	MT	387,169	578,682	+49	35,516	64,645	+82	63,567	74,578	+17	5,986	9,211	+54
PULSES.....	MT	24,628	27,862	+13	12,590	11,968	-5	4,896	3,434	-30	2,295	1,374	-40
OTHER.....	XXX:				201,571	223,435	+11				23,508	33,044	+41
TOTAL.....	XXX:				553,235	602,344	+9				73,814	79,013	+7
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OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS													
OILSEEDS.....	MT	47,756	98,712	+107	22,485	34,967	+56	5,749	17,527	+205	2,808	5,115	+82
COCONUT OIL.....	MT	284,216	313,764	+10	75,633	142,911	+89	42,444	44,374	+5	12,962	21,821	+68
PALM OIL.....	MT	159,738	104,347	-35	39,164	35,439	-10	10,986	5,518	-50	2,972	2,325	-22
OTHER VEG. OILS.....	MT	234,802	277,609	+18	132,536	191,250	+44	23,530	26,183	+11	17,201	24,673	+43
OTHER.....	MT	160,605	173,872	+8	41,256	52,272	+27	29,905	20,762	-31	7,605	7,715	+1
TOTAL.....	MT	887,117	968,305	+9	311,074	456,839	+47	112,614	114,364	+2	43,549	61,650	+42
SEEDS.....	MT	68,241	57,799	-15	102,851	94,532	-8	25,291	12,081	-52	19,716	17,676	-10
COTTON, LINTERS, SILK....	MT	24,469	23,386	-4	9,647	10,003	+4	5,116	4,485	-12	1,551	1,691	+9
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TOBACCO UNMFG.													
CIGARETTE LEAF.....	MT	99,864	94,513	-5	325,416	292,447	-10	8,348	13,044	+56	25,998	38,167	+47
CIGAR LEAF.....	MT	2,133	6,755	+217	8,080	20,196	+150	272	2,123	+679	1,240	4,407	+255
SCRAP & STEMS.....	MT	21,062	19,229	-9	22,113	17,707	-20	2,708	4,861	+79	2,466	3,326	+35
TOTAL.....	MT	123,060	120,497	-2	355,608	330,349	-7	11,329	20,027	+77	29,704	45,899	+55
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POULTRY PRODUCTS													
FEATHERS & DOWN.....	MT	5,263	5,472	+4	35,670	37,301	+5	861	675	-22	6,034	4,019	-33
POULTRY MEAT.....	MT	2,565	1,950	-24	9,734	8,234	-15	199	140	-30	838	1,030	+23
EGGS & PRODUCTS.....	XXX:				8,826	8,133	-8				1,087	1,243	+14
OTHER.....	XXX:				6,061	4,661	-23				995	677	-32
TOTAL.....	XXX:				60,290	58,329	-3				8,954	6,969	-22

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DAIRY PRODUCTS									
CHEESE, QUOTA.....	MT :	59,538	177,865	55,211	165,063	4,929	5,687	15,526	15,022
CHEESE, NON-QUOTA.....	MT :	16,043	61,710	16,146	64,764	2,160	1,856	8,403	7,039
CASEIN.....	MT :	62,122	123,719	60,318	162,472	9,136	6,733	18,462	21,011
OTHER.....	XXX:		12,284		13,526			2,348	2,122
TOTAL.....	XXX:		375,577		405,825			44,739	45,194
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LIVESTOCK & PRODS.									
WOOL.....	MT :	27,182	103,133	30,261	184,801	3,925	4,134	15,126	28,960
MEAT.....	MT :	710,453	1,529,210	746,158	1,647,179	108,718	111,919	230,180	237,654
BEEF AND VEAL.....	MT :	415,516	813,547	442,834	960,353	65,943	71,801	130,829	155,552
PORK.....	MT :	270,236	660,218	274,454	620,863	38,932	36,587	91,210	74,972
OTHER (EDIBLE).....	MT :	24,701	55,445	28,870	65,963	3,843	3,531	8,141	7,130
LIVE CATTLE.....	NO :	1147,261	340,698	1178,950	431,247	123,123	90,204	39,675	39,240
OTHER LIVESTOCK.....	NO :	307,870	105,708	381,980	72,598	52,538	67,623	8,744	9,109
HIDES & SKINS.....	XXX:		38,313		55,697			5,863	9,030
FURSKINS.....	XXX:		156,820		101,751			21,221	9,736
OTHER.....	XXX:		118,617		131,066			20,182	18,860
TOTAL.....	XXX:		2,392,500		2,624,340			340,990	352,589
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HORTICULTURAL PROD.									
FRUIT.....	MT :	2511,211	1,542,633	2577,267	1,632,425	432,457	436,203	245,202	251,578
FRESH.....	MT :	313,359	825,527	296,797	890,097	51,261	50,555	149,182	153,968
PREP. & PRES.....	MT :	2144,989	275,208	1699,450	276,601	226,182	168,690	43,515	43,260
JUICES.....	LIT:	1295,291	441,898	1336,503	465,727	252,360	194,842	52,505	54,350
VEGETABLES, FR/FZ.....	MT :	303,060	503,729	306,404	522,395	42,850	41,791	88,752	72,953
VEG., PREP., PRES.....	MT :		270,634		282,981			41,799	45,923
TREE NUTS.....	XXX:		222,281		207,255			24,314	25,063
WINE.....	LIT:	238,009	627,294	195,151	623,293	35,038	23,153	85,671	74,306
OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEV.....	LIT:	612,616	471,616	652,702	532,306	99,679	102,105	78,921	83,381
NURSERY PRODUCTS.....	XXX:		218,226		248,734			36,809	37,419
OTHER.....	XXX:		251,424		269,836			45,791	38,094
TOTAL.....	XXX:		4,107,837		4,319,226			647,259	628,718
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SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.									
SUGAR, RAW & REFINED:	MT :	1002,810	591,890	-41	197,880	-42	142,409	78,785	-45
SWEETENERS.....	MT :	562,293	500,822	-11	135,615	-8	70,185	80,909	+15
COCOA & PRODUCTS.....	MT :	317,849	363,523	+14	686,388	+14	55,020	39,521	-28
COFFEE.....	MT :	651,056	648,780	---	2,021,610	-22	109,884	74,593	-32
ESSENTIAL OILS.....	MT :	7,350	7,099	-3	68,373	+12	1,801	1,238	-31
TEA.....	MT :	49,776	48,771	-2	73,266	-12	6,638	9,055	+36
SPICES.....	MT :	99,478	90,871	-9	226,727	-4	15,619	12,572	-20
FIBERS.....	MT :	29,983	33,673	+12	17,442	+11	3,829	3,669	-4
RUBBER & ALLIED GUMS:	MT :	500,867	515,616	+3	424,938	+29	71,345	68,972	-3
OTHER.....	XXX:				93,717	+10		14,490	+4
TOTAL.....	XXX:				4,099,396	-9		586,330	-18
GRAND TOTAL.....: XXX:									
12,368,015 12,613,437 +2									

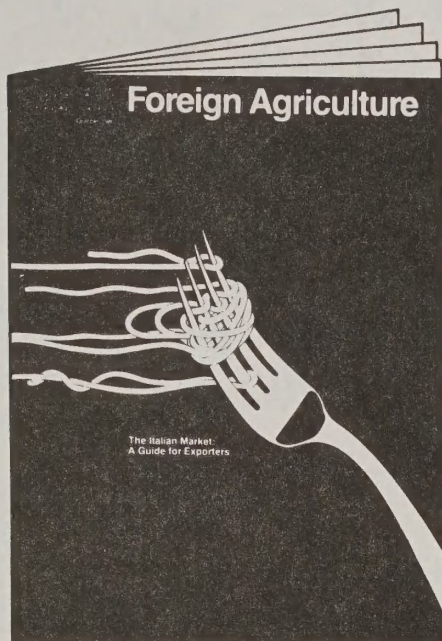
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